

Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

February 5, 2013

The Honorable Mike Foote Colorado General Assembly State Capitol Denver, CO-80203

Dear Representative Foote:

As legislative chair for the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, I would like to convey our support for HB 1043 concerning the statutory definition of a deadly weapon. As representatives of our officers who face these deadly weapons daily, we are most grateful for the clarification that a weapon is defined as these instruments capable of producing serious bodily injury. The body of statutory and case law should be clear and should provide guidance for the courts so that persons who possess deadly weapons can face appropriate judgment for the harm or potential harm that use of these weapons in the commission of a crime can pose. Thank you for your work in providing for this clarification.

Sincerely,

Chief John Jackson, Greenwood Village, Police Department